



# DELINQUENT LICENSES – BUSINESS LICENSE CHECKS

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## **I. POLICY**

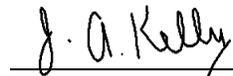
A delinquent license investigation relates to a licensee in the State of Maryland who fails to renew the necessary business licenses or a new business that has never obtained a business license. Random checks are made in geographical areas, as well as inspections that are initiated after a complaint is received in the State License Bureau. Agents submit to their supervisors a list of license locations that are checked. These lists are forwarded to personnel in the State License Bureau, who compare the check list with the business license data records in order to purge closed businesses, update information, and to add new licenses that have not been reported by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for each jurisdiction. Agents have several options for delinquent licensees:

- A criminal citation may be issued.
- The licensee may be given time to obtain the license.
- The licensee may be directed to State License Bureau personnel for assistance with obtaining a license.

The following law governs the basic concept of doing business without the required licenses.

- Business Regulation, Title 17, 1804, requires that a business acting as a trader/business must have a valid license.

## **II. CANCELLATION: None.**



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